

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of:
PCT/JP97/02656 of:

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For: FUEL ELECTRODE OF SOLID
OXIDE FUEL CELL AND PROCESS
FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE
SAME

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Art Unit: Unassigned

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
§1.98

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Sir:


The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed.

The above items are considered pertinent in that they relate to fuel cells, and further because they were cited against applicant's counterpart international patent application. Also attached is a copy of the Search Report by the Japanese Patent Office in which these references were cited.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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